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Tough Anti-Discrimination Laws In Britain

By Ross Henderson

LONDON — Sept. 12 — The British Government is preparing to bring in one of the world's toughest anti-discrimination laws within the next couple of months.

Businesses of Government agencies which fail to have minorities represented among management ranks in the same proportion as they exist in the total population are liable for cease - and - desist orders under the new law, Home Secretary Roy Jenkins told a press conference yesterday.

Even private clubs will no longer be allowed to discriminate on grounds of race or national origin, unless they can prove they are ethnic benevolent- type societies.

The Government will have its new Race Relation Act to the second reading stage by Christmas, Mr. Jenkins said, so it can go to parliamentary committees early next year.

The new bill will not allow employers to set requirements for such things as height or education if these have the effect of reducing some groups' abilities to compete for jobs, unless the employer can prove the type of work requires them.

Banks, insurance companies, Government offices and newspapers employ few blacks or Asians, even in ghetto areas. Racial and dialect jokes are common on television. There are no blacks or Asians in the Cabinet or in the House of Commons, and only 33 in the 20,000 strong metropolitan police force in London.

Employers are also forbidden to order employees not to wear forms of national dress, such as turbans or saris, although dress requirements based on safety needs are allowed.

However, it will be legal for a restaurant serving Chinese food in a Chinese decor to hire only Chinese waiters, and other very special cases of job requirements based on nationality.

Generally, the burden of proof is shifted to the employer who must prove that if he does not have minorities adequately represented on his staff, or in better-paying jobs, this situation does not exist because of discrimination.

Legal redress is through the civil, not criminal, courts under the new bill. People not obeying court orders to conform could be jailed for contempt.

In the past, British race relation laws allowed prosecution only after a complaint had been made to the old Race Relations Board — which first tried conciliation — and prosecuted only if permission was granted by the Attorney General.

[Globe and Mail]

Kuldip Nayar Freed

NEW DELHI, Sept. 13 — Kuldip Nayar, one of India's leading journalists, was released from jail yesterday after being detained for seven weeks.

The release of Mr. Nayar, came three days before the Delhi high court was to rule on a petition from his wife challenging his arrest.

The court decision was seen as an important test case for hundreds of others detained under the same law — the Maintenance of Internal Security Act.

Mr. Nayar, 51, said that he had been released unconditionally and sent home in a taxi.

Mr. Nayar said he had been told before his release that it was a mistake.

Indian P.M. First Among Equals

New Delhi, Sept. 16 (UNI): By virtue of the high office, the Prime minister in a democracy is "primus inter pares" — first among equals and therefore a law that classifieds the persons who holds that office differently from others cannot be challenged solely on the ground of equality before law, argued Mr. Lalnarayan Sinha, Solicitor - General of India.

Appearing for Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's election case September 8 before a five- judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court presided over by Chief Justice A. N. Ray, Mr. Sinha said in Britain as well as in other democracies the Prime Minister belonged to a special class or category all by himself or herself, necessitating and justifying special treatment.

Moratorium On Loan Repayment

New Delhi, Sept. 18 (UNI): At least 12 States and four Union territories have taken action for imposing moratorium on agricultural loans and liquidation of rural indebtedness, according to official sources.

The States which have already taken or initiated legislative action include Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Orissa, Punjab, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Union territories of Chandigarh, Andaman and Nicobar islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Goa, Daman and Diu.

Press For Multiculturalism Programs

Canadians must press the federal government "to stop dragging its feet" on multiculturalism, Senator Paul Yuzyk said in Edmonton Wednesday.

Kicking off a Conference on Multiculturalism and Third World Immigrants at U-of A, Sen Yuzyk called for a federal-provincial conference on multiculturalism.

The Conservative senator from Winnipeg said such a conference would help co-ordinate implementation of multicultural policies, and help ensure that funds allowed for multiculturalism were spent.

He told about 120 delegates at the Faculty Club that more than half of the $19 million allocated by Ottawa in the past few years to encourage non-French, non-British culture has not been spent "although many ethnic groups have been turned down (in requests for funds)."

"What's wrong is that there's no co-ordination of John Munro's department responsible for multiculturalism, and the secretary of state's department; they've been haggling and having jurisdictional problems.

"The minister responsible for multiculturalism should have a separate department and staff but the staff is now under the secretary of state," said Sen. Yuzyk, a professor of history at the University of Ottawa.

He pointed out that thirdelement ethnic groups which made up eight per cent of the population at the first census in 1871, made up 26 per cent of the population at the last census. "And the third element predominates in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba."

The senator was described by conference co-organizer Dr. G.S. Paul of the U of A sociology department as "a founder of Canadian multiculturalism when it wasn't a popular term." The senator said the movement began about 10 years ago when the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism found ethnic groups on non-British, non-French origin reacted negatively to biculturalism.

And, added the multiculturalism advocate, it is important to Canada in developing its unique mosaic that recommendations of the Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism be implemented, including funding of a massive program for "better teaching of third languages" at all levels.

Other speakers supported his stand favoring multiculturalism.

Alberta Labor Minister Neil Crawford called it "the highest form of social order that can be sought," and emphasized the opportunity for Canada — and particularly the Prairie Provinces — to try to achieve such a society.

However, when asked about the controversial Green Paper on Immigration and Population, he said he hadn't read it, and was not aware that it had been termed racist by some ethnic groups.

The minister also said he had no heard of extensive discrimination in the Alberta labor field, or of complaints from Alberta workers fearing that their jobs might be threatened by immigrants.

Mayor William Hawrelak said cultural diversidication "is one of the most important facets of our social structure in Canada."

And John Cunningham, a senior official with The Bay and co-chairman of the committee working on the cultural and convention centre in Edmonton, said "Edmonton is an ideal community for multicultural discussion because it has been multicultural from its beginnings. In addition, there has been major growth in the Asian sector of our community.

"We have the tradition and social atmosphere that can make a multicultural approach feasible here," he said.

Edmonton Journal

Huge Tax Evasion By Rulers Found

New Delhi, Sept. 10 (UNI): Income tax raids at the premises belonging to Mrs. Vijaya Raje Scindia of Gwalior and other members of the former ruling family have revealed "extensive tax evasion and concealed wealth," says an official press release.

Documents including transfer of "substantial amounts" of funds in a "surreptitious manner" out of India have been seized.

During the search of the Gwalior palace, the taxmen discovered silver and silver articles weighing 53 quintals.

On the basis of information available with the authorities, the silver and silver articles found at the palace will be more than twice the amount of the value as declared by the assessees in their wealth returns.

The documents seized at the premises of the Scindias and their business concerns at Bombay, Poona and other places indicate that substantial amounts of funds have been transferred in a surreptitious manner from India to a neighbouring country. These documents also indicate transfer of money and property of substantial value to a large number of trusts.

The search at Gwalior palace is still continuing. The tax authorities have obtained assistance of a team of experts from the National Geophysical Research Institute of Hyderabad for locating any bullion or jewellery which might be hidden under ground or placed in concealed chambers in the palace premises.

Manufacture Essential Items In Cooperative Sector

Visakhapatnam, Sept. 16 (UNI): The Union Government is considering manufacture of at least eight more essential commodities like soaps, toothpastes and razor blades in the cooperative sector to end "exploitation of brand names," Minister of State for Industry and Civil Supplies A. C. George told newsmen here.

By producing these articles, the Government will enter the manufacturing and processing fields to arrest such trends." Household utensils, kerosene and cooking stoves, woollen and ready - made garments were also proposed to be produced in the cooperative sector, he said.

Mr. George said the Government was inclined to utilise the additional capacities of ever private sector concerns for the manufacture of some essentia commodities.

Judiciary Must Retain Review Power

New Delhi, Sept. 8 (UNI): The 39th Constitution Amendment, which places outside the purview of judicial scrutiny the election of the President, Vice- President, The Prime Minister and the Lok Sabha Speaker, is a negation of the rule of law which is a basic and fundamental feature of the Constitution, - Shanti Bhushan, counsel for Mr. Raj Narain, contended before the Supreme Court.

Continuing his arguments in the election case of the Prime Minister he told the five- judge Constitution bench, presided over by Chief Justice A. N. Ray, that in a parliamentary democracy the political party that secures a majority in an election gains control of two of the three branches of goverment, namely the Legislature and the Executive, and it is therefore essential that the third branch, the Judiciary, should retain the power of review of elections in order to safeguard the sanctity of the election process.

Foreign Press Rapped

By George Mathew

New Delhi: The Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi has said that in many of the foreign journals there was no fairplay at all. They gave an entirely one- sided picture without bothering to see whether it had any connection whatsoever with facts.

Mrs. Gandhi made this observation in an interview to Blitz, a Bombay weekly published both in English and Hindi which has the largest circulation in the country.

Interrupting the questioner who referred to "a move to export resistance here" and the trouble being created by "somebody in London or Washington or Bonn", the Prime Minister said that when "our people write to them, they just do not print the letters on the ground that there is no space. Or they might just publish the mildest of the letters and they say they have represented the other point of view. All the letters they publish are against us."

To a suggestion to invite the newspapermen to this country, she said that "those who were here are the ones that are misrepresenting us largely. We spoke to foreign correspondents (some time ago) and they said: 'Well, we are only writing what your Indian correspondents have published.'"

Mrs. Gandhi asked the Indian newspapermen to put their heads together to find a solution.

The Prime Minister considers any move towards a national reconciliation premature. "Still, the discussions, if any discussions are to be held, should be meaningful but unfortunately a lot of foreign people are taking an interest in this matter which does not help the situation." The foreign Press picks up the program being announced by one of the opposition leaders who is still at large and exaggerates it out of all proportions.

Mrs. Gandhi agreed with the interview's suggestion to replace pre-censorship with self censorship with a press advisory system organized with the cooperation and participation of editors and journalists. "This is what I have been saying for a long time, that the press must exercise self-restraint. It is said that officials are unimaginative and over-zealous. Many journals, also, have been over- imaginative and just went beyond all limits."

Asked about the new politicial system with a healthy balance between the political rights of the individuals and the economic rights of the millions that she has been mentioning, the Prime Minister said.

"I think we have a prefectly good system which took us many years to build. The problem arose because that system was not being worked properly. As I have said in public, all sides have to abide by the rules of the game. You can't just say Government should do this or that, but the Opposition is free to do what it likes. Besides, in our country, there are groups who have no faith in parliamentary democracy. Other groups have no faith in secularism, socialism and non alignment.

"The months just preceeding the emergency can hardly be called normal. It is only now that the oridinary citizen can go about his business without disturbance. All the time there were these demonstrations. Only a minority were involved in them, but they were interefering with the lives of a much larger number of people not only by direct strikes or hartals, but by, sometimes, the effects of a strike or a hartal. Certain people insisted that grains should not be sold and so on. The crisis, therefore, was building up for quite some time. Our main effort now is to resolve that crisis. . . There were parties and individuals here who did not accept the obligations and responsibilities which go along with the rights which democracy gives them."

In reply to another question Mrs. Gandhi denied that she was thinking in terms of a Constituent Assembly or a new Constitution and added:

"We cannot but be a democracy, a secular democracy and a democracy striving steadily to enlarge its socialist content. The importance of representative institutions, or the place of Parliament cannot change either. Nor can there be any fundamental departure in the scheme of Centre- State relations which our founding fathers devised to serve the needs of a country of our vast diversity.

"But, we can and should have a look at the provisions and procedures we have to give effect to the adopted objectives of the Constitution. Many of these procedures and provisions have in effect worked against the Constitution and given enormous scope for small obstructive groups to create trouble and engineer crises".

Referring to the circumstances which led to the declaration of the national emergency on June 26 last the Prime minister said:

"I don't think we had much of a choice. They (the opposition) did want to enact on a national scale the type of paralysis of govt. work and disruption public order which they had attempted in two States previously. And, this time, it would have been accompanied by far greater violence also."

In another interview to the National Broadcasting Company of the U.S. in its "Meet the Press" program, a part of which was filmed in the satellite TV studio of All-India Radio here the Prime Minister said that there was no truth in the "New York Times" story that although she insisted that she was responding to a threat to internal stability there were many who believed that the only real threat was to her own political power and future. "In a period of international uncertainty and internal economic difficulty, I think there was a grave internal danger to the country," she added.

In the "Meet the Press Program" Mrs. Gandhi replied to questions put to her from the Washington studio of NBC through radio- telephone by four correspondents.

Asked how democracy can be safeguarded if the very essence of democracy - free press, free speech, and the right of dissent - is banned, the Prime minister replied:

"Democracy has two obligations. There are obligations on the government - that it should allow free press, free speech, free association and so on. But it also has an obligation on the others - to observe the rules of the game, if you like. But that was not being done and this is what resulted in the present situation".

Here are a few questions and the Prime Minister's reply:

Q: Will you give any pledge that you will in effect lift the state of emergency?

A: I can assure you that I do not want it to continue indefinately. In fact, I can also assure you that I am deeply committed to democracy, not merely because it is a good ideal but for a country of India's vast size and great diversity, I think democracy - that is, the people's participation - is the only way to make it function.

Q: There has been some talk that you would be moving towards one party rule in India. Are you moving towards one- party rule or not?

A: No, I don't think it would work and we've not banned our parties.

Q: Whether or not you believe the Supreme Court of India has still the authority to decide whether this Constitutional amendement [declaring her not guilty of any kind of election violation] is legal?

A: The Supreme Court does have the right to decide. But as I said, here the essence of parliamentary democracy does make parliament supreme so far as all executive action is concerned.

Q: You say you are still committed to parliamentary democracy. Elections are due in February. Will they take place?

A: I can't give a definite answer at this point because, naturally, much depends on how the situation is. We must be able to ensure fair elections.

An areal view of the flood- affected city of Patna in Bihar with River Ganges in the background.

Bid To Attract Investment From Indians Abroad

New Delhi, Sept 10(UNI): The Government has announced a package of measures aimed at attracting investment from non-resident Indians and aliens of Indian origin.

These include permission to invest in a wide range of industries subject to a ceiling of 20 per cent of shareholding and to open external accounts in selected convertible currencies in Indian banks, and exemption of dividend income from units of the Unit Trust of India from tax.

Indian professionals abroad with an income of over 12,000 dollars a year will be persuaded to remit ten per cent of their earnings through legal channels. They will be asked to enter into an agreement to this effect with the government.

In 1973-74 non-resident Indians remitted Rs 600 million (80 million dollars) to India.

Announcing the package measures, Finance Minister C. Subramaniam told a news conference that squeeze against smugglers had resulted in a spurt in remittance through regular channels.

Mr. Subramaniam said a large number of non-resident Indians and aliens appeared to be interested in keeping a portion of their savings and wealth in India. This was so particularly in the context of the uncertain political conditions in some of the South-East Asian countries.

He expected a good response not only from professional but also from the business community. Interest rates in India were fairly high.

Censorship Functions Smoothly

Ahmedabad, Sept 10(UNI): Union Information and Broadcasting Minister V.C. Shukla has said that not a single newspaper was forced to close down only for censorship violation since the proclamation of national emergency, and rules regarding censorship had been relaxed.

He told newsmen there were some hurdles at the initial stage of enforcing censorship and its proper implementation also posed some problem. But now the situation had been well stabilised.

While referring to action taken against erring newspapers for violating censorship regulations, Mr. Shukla remarked "this is not a problem now."

A kind of self-censorship was now in force, he said and clarified that the censor was not guided by an individual minister's statement. He only followed the censorship guidelines."

On editorial freedom, the Minister said the editor had full freedom to "conduct his paper within the emergency regulations."

Constructive criticism concerning the daily life of the people like that of functioning of railways, bus service and other such services were allowed.

Referring to the role of newspapers in the present situation, Mr. Shukla said the government's effort was to give proper direction to its goal. "We cannot return to the old ways," he added.

Aid To Flood Victims

New Delhi, Sept. 16 (UNI): The Union Food Ministry has released an additional 10,000 tonnes of foodgrains for the flood affected people of Patna.

An official press release here September 7 assured that the Centre had also adequate stocks near Patna from where more foodgrains could be rushed whenever necessary to meet the requirements of the flood - stricken people.

Between August 25 and September 2, the Indian Air Force flew 706 sorties, carrying passengers, boats, amphibian vehicles and one million kilograms of food and clothing. About 1,000 army personnel were engaged in rescue and relief operations.

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Bid to Check Corruption

New Delhi, Sept 14(UNI): In a determined bid to weed out corrupt elements and cleanse the administration, the Central and State governments are now reviewing the cases of all officers between the age of 50 and 55 to recommend the retirement of those with doubtful reputation for integrity.

As regards the all India services and Central services, this review is being made by the Department of Personnel in the cabinet secretariat and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In July and August as many as five officers belonging to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and three belonging to the Indian Police Service (IPS) have been served with three months' notice for premature retirement. Stern action, including transfers from sensitive posts, would be taken against officers of lower age group who were found wanting in integrity.

The review follows the acceptance of a scheme for the intensification of the drive to eradicate corruption in the States, accepted by the State governments at a recent conference of State anti-corruption officers.

The heads of anti-corruption bureau in the States are to be associated with the screening of officers of doubtful integrity. At the divisional and the district levels this work will be done by the Commissioner or the District Magistrate with the concerned officers of the other departments.

CBI Prosecutes Seventy

New Delhi, Sept. 16 (UNI): The economic offences wing of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has come down with a heavy hand on anti - social elements indulging in forgery, smuggling, counterfeiting of currency, evasion of excise duty, sale of narcotics and similar offences.

Over 70 persons, including a Superintendent of the Central Excise, were prosecuted during the current year by the Bureau for various economic offences. Investigations by the CBI have also resulted in an additional revenue of more than Rs 40 million ($5.33 million), netted as penalties and recovery of taxes.

Over the last three and a half years, the Bureau has launched more than 300 prosecutions and many of these cases have ended in prosecution.

Those prosecuted during the current year include 15 persons in Delhi, who were prosecuted for conspiracy and inducing the Reserve Bank of India to issue bank drafts on the strength of forged documents. A Superintendent of the Central Excise was found to have collected with others in evading excise duty of over Rs 300,000 ($40,000).

Two persons were convicted for smuggling opium. Senior executives of some companies were prosecuted for various violations of laws, including criminal breach of companies fund running into millions of rupees.

Maharashtra Minister's Son Jailed

Poona, Sept 10(UNI): Shahavi Rajirao Patil, elder brother of Maharashtra Labour Minister S.B. Patil, was sentenced to six months' regorous imprisonment and fined Rs 500 (67 dollars) for untouchability offences in the sensational "Harijan Boycott case" of Bawda village in Poona district.

Judicial Magistrate V.R. Datar, who delivered the judgement, however, acquitted his younger brother Arun Patil, another accused in the case.

According to the prosecution, the Patil brothers had exerted pressure on the Harijan candidate, Bhanudas Eknath Kamble, for withdrawal of his candidature in the 1972 Zilla Parishad elections against the Congress nominee.

When Mr. Kamble refused to withdraw from the contest the accused engineered a mass boycott on the Harijan population of the village.

Emergency not for a long time

New Delhi, Sept 16(UNI): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has said that she did not want to continue the national emergency for a very long time.

"We do not like any controls although in the absence of these some people were misusing freedom at a considerable cost to the nation," she told a teachers' meeting here.

Mrs. Gandhi said emergency had resulted in considerable discipline among the people. But this discipline had to be a permanent feature of life as it was vital for any nation. Discipline had either to be self-imposed or forced on the people in China. People in India should on their own observe discipline and make it a permanent feature, she said.

Case against Badal Filed

Chandigarh, Sept. 16(UNI): The Punjab Government has registered cases against former Akali Dal Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal and former Health Minister Teja Singh as a follow-up action of the Chhangani Commission report, official sources said here.

Both were found guilty of corruption and misuse of office by the Commission, set up in 1971.

One case has been registered against Mr. Badal at Lambi in Ferozepur district and three against Teja Singh at Bhatinda.

The charge against Mr. Badal was that he accepted an illegal gratification of Rs 20,000 (2,666.67 dollars) from a private bus service operator for extending his period of operation.

'Drain' Dwindles

Bombay, Sept. 16 (UNI): The brain - drain from the Indian Institute of Technology is nearing an end, according to IIT Chairman Raja Ramanna.

The drain, which was as high as 45 percent of the total number of passed - out students six years ago had dwindled to 15 percent now, he told newsmen here.

Dr. Ramanna said technologists and others in the country were capable of doing better than their counterparts in the West in scientific fields.

4000 M.P. Officials to be Fired

Bhopal, Sept. 10 (UNI): Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister P.C. Sethi has hinted that a mass dismissal or compulsory retirement of about 4,000 Government employees will take place in his state to tone up the administration in implementing the economic program announced by the Prime Minister after promulgation of national emergency.

He told a Congress workers meeting that 147 officers had already been compulsorily retired or removed from service for negligence and corrupt practices. He had ordered for a list of such officers and, according to his information, the records of 4,000 officers were being scrutinised.

Two Indian Police Service (IPS) officers have already been compulsorily retired on grounds that their integrity and general reputation were not satisfactory. Both were of the rank of superintendents of police.

A report from Hyderabad quoting Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister J. Vengal Rao said 163 officers, stated to be corrupt and inefficient, have been retired in that state.

"In a drive to cleanse the administration of corrupt and inefficient officials, various departments had been instructed to prepare lists of the officials to be weeded out and the total figure was likely to reach 400, the report said.

Ill-gotten Wealth to be confiscated

Calcutta, Sept 11(UNI): A draft legislation for the confiscation of any asset found to have been accumulated out of "ill-gotten wealth" has almost been completed by the special committee appointed by the Government, Union Minister of State for Finance P.K. Mukherjee said here.

The legislation was likely to be introduced in the next session of Parliament.

The law for confiscation of assets, being taken up by the Government in pursuance of the Prime Minister's new economic programme, was calculated to bring a radical change in the present situation to curb "ill-gotten" wealth.

"There are in the country certain people who have very big business set up with smuggled or ill-gotten wealth and they also pay very high rates of income tax. If the Government can establish that their wealth is ill-gotten, the proposed law will provide for the confiscation of the wealth", he said.

Mr. Mukherjee said as part of the drive against concealed income, a strict watch was now being kept on the standard of living and the level of expenditure of the income tax assessees. Unless the exact level of expenditure of an assessee could be ascertained, his real or concealed income could not be found out.

Workers' Participation to be Statutory

New Delhi, Sept 11(UNI): The Government proposes to make statutory the workers' participation in management, according to official sources.

The sources said "the Government feels it is high time that a broad-based scheme of workers' participation at various levels from the shop-floor level up to the board of directors - is enforced statutorily to step up production.

The proposed scheme envisages councils for each department or shop, or one council for more than one department or shop, in every industrial undertaking employing more than 500 workers.

The functions of the shop council will include safety measures, general discipline, working conditions in the concerned department, welfare and health measures and steps for increasing efficiency and productivity.

The scheme will provide for the representation of workmen on the board of management so that they have a say at the decision-making level.

Besides, it will also have an effective communication system and personnel services.

No Change in Indo-Bangla Relations

New Delhi, Sept. 10 (UNI): India continues to maintain normal relations with Bangladesh and continues to recognize it, an official spokesman said here.

Answering questions from newsmen whether India had recognized the new Government of President Khondkar Mushtaq Ahmed assumed office after the military coup of August 15, the spokesman said: "We continue to maintain normal diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the same basis as when we recognized Bangladesh in December, 1971".

The spokesman clarified that the Government of India had been corresponding with the new Government in Dacca in the normal manner through diplomatic channels.

Meanwhile, in an interview to the Cairo daily Al Ahram, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said it was India's sincere hope that the present leaders of Bangladesh would work for the fulfilment of the ideals on which Bangladesh nation was built.

It was also India's hope that the present leaders of Bangladesh would continue to work for the objective of goodwill and cooperation on the sub-continent — as they had announced in their first statement.

"For our part we are unshakably committed to the pursuit of friendship and cooperation with Bangladesh and with all our neighbours".

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RACISM AND SCHOOLS

Racist attitudes and behaviour patterns are learned partly at home and partly outside through friends, relatives, teachers, mass media etc. As young minds are quick to pick up racist attitudes without questioning them, they are quick to demonstrate them through anti-social activities such as name calling (wops, niggers, pakis etc), harrassing or even window- breaking.

In many such incidents reported from Toronto and Vancouver, the young people have been on the vanguard most of the time. On asking some of these young men and women why they do it they almost always cannot give even a coherent answer. In short they seem to be utterly confused. They blindly adopted certain attitudes maintained by their parents and peers and translate them into action in their spare time.

What all this means is that the fight against racism has to begin in the schools. The young men and women of this country has to be taught early in their lives that human beings are basically the same whatever be the country of origin, religious beliefs, customs or colour. Also they need to have some general knowledge about the cultural background of people of different ethno- cultural origins. They should be taught to respect the culture of people of all origins. Only that kind of education can assure a society devoid of racial problems and consequent tensions and even possible violence.

However, our schools are ill - prepared to assume this important role. At best the school text books are completely silent about the minority ethno- cultural groups and at worst they are full of references that promote prejudices, not mitigate them.

Also most of the teachers in our school system do not have the necessary knowledge on minority groups. As a result many of them are busy teaching prejudice (e.g. a school teacher in Ottawa teaches that Hindu wives are still being burned in their husband's funeral pyre!) though unconsciously. Here again one of the remedial measures would be recruiting qualified members of minority groups as teachers. Another would be to give orientation courses to teachers on multiculturalism with special emphasis on minority groups , in particular visible minority groups.

It is heartening to see that Toronto School Board is wrestling with some of these issues at the present time. However, no other school board seems to be interested even in exploring such possibilities.

Labourers' Conditions improve

New Delhi, Sept. 16 (UNI): Most of the States in India have not only upgraded agricultural minimum wages since the promulgation of national emergency on June 26, but have also set up special machinery for its implementation, according to a UNI survey on the condition of agricultural labourers in the country.

The survey revealed that many states had also expedited their program for providing housing sites to agricultural workers and to wipe out their indebtedness.

According to the survey the vast majority of agricultural workers still continue to be below the poverty line, despite the increase in minimum wages. Barring a small section the bulk of these people continue to be unorganized.

Smuggling on the Wane

New Delhi, Sept 14(UNI): The Government's measures to check tax evasion and curb smuggling activities have resulted in "impressive gains" in the last twelve months, Minister of State for Finance P.K. Mukherjee said here.

He told a news conference that the collection of revenues during the period had shown a buoyancy and the smuggling activity had been reduced considerably.

Drive against black money and economic crimes is one of the important anti-inflationary measures taken last year and is an important part of the Government's 20-point economic programme, announced by the Prime Minister.

The Canard in the Western Press

Bombay: "What a pity that the state of Emergency has taken away the salt from our daily brew. How cheerless is the morning cup of tea with which we used to gulp down such juicy things," wrote the Bombay weekly , Blitz, in an article captioned "Lies! Lies! Lies!".

Detailing the canard that is being circulated by the Western press and the rumours and whispers that are polluting the air in India, the weekly reported from its Delhi Bureau:

JUGMOHANLAL

"A couple of weeks ago, Justice Jagmohanlal, a judge of the Allahabad High Court died. When the Court reopened after the summer vacation, there was the usual RIP reference. A rumour swept across the country that Justice Jagmohanlal Sinha, who gave the verdict against Mrs. Gandhi, was bumped off. Even some State High Courts were said to have gone on a protest strike.

SANJAY GANDHI

"Then there was that Sunday Times (London) canard that Sanjay Gandhi had slapped his mother (Mrs. Gandhi) six times.

"If that Simple Simon had not been packed off from Delhi, and his Indian informant journalistically been alive and kicking, the number of slappings would have had by now soared to a neat dozen.

J.P.

"Weeks ago, when Jaya Prakash Narayan was in Delhi's Medical Institute for a check-up, the mill started grinding that he was dead. The "gup" spread like wild fire in Delhi and elsewhere in the country.

MORARJI

"The rumour about Morarji Desai, Chief of General Staff of the Indian Revolution, led even to some legal action. He was widely reported to have been put in solitary confinement where he was on a protest fast. The legal action was abruptly cut short when it came to be known that the former Deputy Prime Minister of India has a whole suite at his disposal.

J.P. DEAD SAID BBC

"The BBC has been spinning yarns like a textile mill. A variety of colourful yarns was put on the market, the prize winning one being that Jaya Prakash Narayan was dead. After mourning his "death" the BBC told the world that Jagjivan Ram was under house arrest.

RUSSIANS

"Within the first few days of the Emergency the most bizarre one in circulation was that 100 Russians had arrived in Delhi, and they were in full operational control, while the Prime Minister had taken refuge behind the massive walls of the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"Of Course, the former Chief of Staff Maneckshaw was put "under house arrest", though the Field Marshal has been sojourning abroad and the Chief Justice of India, A. N. Ray "resigned".

JOURNALIST MISSING

"One day we were told that Ajit Bhattacharjea, editor of JP's "Everyman's" disappeared. The rumour was thick in the Press Club of India (in Delhi) till the rumour-mongers themselves discovered Ajit imbibing the "Red Pelican" (the new Haryana Beer) quietly in a corner of the Club."

With the press censorship strictly in vogue, such and other rumours and unconfirmed reports are circulating through whispers which ultimately get published in foreign newspapers.

The Prime Minister recently repudiated the wild insinuations being spread by the Western media that she was not addressing public meetings because of security reasons. "These reporters seem to forget that there is such a thing as monsoon", she said.

She said that since independence India had been making independent assessments of international situations and not subordinating its interests to others' political designs. "That is why so many countries and their Press are against India".

Citing another incident, Mrs. Gandhi said that the BBC had recently arranged a discussion on India, but when they found that those against were not able to reply to the points made by the group supporting India, they cancelled the program.

Letter to a Daughter

By Meena Nadkarni

A Toronto woman , Iola Ballard, long an admirer of the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was disturbed enough by recent reports from India to write a letter to Mrs. Gandhi. She asked her how she could explain to her daughter Elizabeth and other friends who were critical of the events occurring after the emergency.

To her surprise, a few weeks later, Mrs. Ballard received a personal letter from Mrs. Gandhi which she would like to share with people of Indian origin in Canada. This is theletter Mrs. Ballard received:

Dear Mrs. Ballard,

I have received your letter of July 10.

Many friends of India have written to say they are puzzled by recent events. I am afraid you have been misled by what has appeared in the western press. In fact, over the last years India's stand and actions have been consistently misrepresented abroad. Prominent among those who now regret the 'passing of Indian democracy' are those who admire and praise China and who have given full moral and material support to authoritarian regimes in Africa and Asia.

I cannot write about my election case, because it is before the Supreme Court. But the two items on which the lower court held me guilty were: (1) that an aide went to my constituency before his resignation from Government was accepted, and, (2) that the construction of the rostrum for my meeting was supervised by the police. I should like you to know that although the aide's resignation was published in the Government Gazette dated 25th January, it was clearly stated that the resignation had been accepted on the 14th January. He did not attend office nor did he receive any salary after the 14th January. Such delays in formal publication are normal in Government. Regarding the construction of the rostrum this was done entirely in accordance with instructions sent by the Central Government to State Governments for all meetings of the Prime Minister to ensure the security of the Prime Minister. This was the arrangement in the time of the two previous Prime Ministers also. It has nothing to do with me personally. Prestigious newspapers such as the Times of London and others who went into the matter, all gave their opinion that the charges were rather trivial and of a kind that would not have affected the position of the Prime Minister in England.

The cutting you have sent also refers to our nuclear policy. We have no nuclear weapons nor are we developing any. We are only using our knowledge for peaceful purposes. It is well known that nuclear explosion technology has many important peaceful uses such as extraction of mineral ores and major irrigation works. It is precisely because of our economic backwardness that we must use all scientific methods to become self- reliant.

We are also attacked for our friendship with Russia. Are not many other nations also cultivating the Soviet Union and China? Our relations with the Soviet Union are not at the cost of friendship with any other country, whether of the West or of Africa or Asia. Our foreign policy was shaped even before independence and we adhere to the principles of peaceful co- existence and non-alignment.

Only those people have been arrested who had pledged to lead agitations against the Government all over India. Certain people whose names have been kept with the Police as bad elements have also been arrested .

You mentioned something about an old woman being arrested in her bath. I can assure you that no old woman has been arrested in or out of her bath.

For years, some of our Opposition parties have been obstructing our programmes, fomenting political strikes, encouraging student violence and preventing public officials from functioning. Frustrated because they could not gain popular support, they became dependent on fanatic, extremist groups who have been indulging in violent acts. One of them has said of our fifteen million Christians that they "are not only irreligious but anti- national". All these parties and camp, together had announced plans to paralyse administration all over the country. They even called upon the armed forces to revolt. If they had been permitted to pursue the program, India would have drifted into chaos. This was the reason why we had to take firm measures.

Living in a society with a well established political system, perhaps it is difficult for you to envisage the enormous problems involved in preserving national unity and stability in a country of nearly 600 million people, with different levels of development. If India herself does not survive where will democracy be?

Please explain all this to your daughter Elizabeth.

With good wishes to you both,

Yours sincerely,
[Indira Gandhi]

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India desires Improved Relations with U.S.

New Delhi, Sept. 18 (UNI): External Affairs Minister Y. B. Chavan told newsmen here that he was looking forward with "hope and confidence" for an opportunity to exchange views with United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger when he goes to Washington on October 6th to chair the Indo-American Joint Economic Commission meeting.

He said both sides "are desirous to improve relations."

Asked if he would also discuss with Dr. Kissinger some political matters relating to the two countries, Mr. Chavan said, "normally when such important meetings are held it will not be surprising if we discuss bilateral political matters also."

Y.B. Chavan

Congress Directive on Economic Program

New Delhi, Sept. 10 (UNI): Congress President Dev Kant Borooah has asked the setting up of committees comprising officials and non-officials at the State, district and local levels to help speedy implementation of the 20 - point economic program announced by the Prime Minister after promulgation of national emergency.

In the guidelines issued to State units of the party, Mr. Borooah said the committees could be constituted by executive orders of the State Governments. Where legislation was necessary, it should be undertaken at once, preferably by an Ordinance.

These committees should have the power to recommend legislative and executive measures, take decision in regard to the programmes being implemented by them, call for official records and tour the areas under their jurisdiction to record evidence.

Under the guidelines, the non official members would serve without remuneration, except in the case of those who are too poor to defray their travelling expenses.

Deadline for Land Reforms

New Delhi, Sept. 8 (UNI): Congress President Dev Kant Borooah has directed all Chief Ministers of the Congress ruled states that all stages of land reforms, including distribution of surplus lands, must be completed by June 30 next.

In a 19- point guideline on land reforms, he has emphasised that 'committed non- officials with local knowledge' should be associated with the implementation of the land reforms.

All India Congress Committee General Secretary P.V. Narasimha Rao, releasing these guidelines to the press recently, said the directives themselves showed how the Congress leadership was determined to get the land reform measures implemented.

The guidelines lay down that returns of land holdings should be thoroughly scrutinised because three-fourth of the returns filed by the land owners, under pressure from the state governments, were false.

Action against Misuse of Emergency

New Delhi, Sept 11(UNI): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi urged the State Governments to take stringent action against officials abusing the emergency powers and to prevent harassment of law-abiding citizens, including traders, businessmen and industrialists.

Inaugurating a conference of Chief Secretaries, the first to be held after the proclamation of national emergency on June 26, the Prime Minister called for deterrent punishment to persons indulging in malpractices but added that no hardships should be caused to those engaged in productive process, be they farmers or manufacturers.

Listing the gains of emergency like maintenance of price-stability improved discipline and uninterrupted movement of essential goods, the Prime Minister emphasised that the consolidation of these achievements and the success of her new economic programme hinged on the total involvement of people, including the Services.

Women urged to lead

New Delhi, Sept 13(UNI): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has called upon women to take the lead in bringing about a change in society for a better life without destroying traditional values.

Inaugurating a conference of the chairman of State Social Welfare Advisory Boards here, Mrs. Gandhi said Indian women were facing problems different from those of their Western sisters.

Not only the rights of women were to be protected but the basic decency and requirements of society had to be maintained.

In today's world where the people were facing vast challenges, menfolk were no less inhibited by superstition and old attitudes.

Final say for Parliament

New Delhi, Sept 13(UNI): Attorney-General Niren De has argued before the Constitution bench of the Supreme Court that the original scheme of the Constitution in relation to election disputes vested the final authority of decision with the legislature and not the judiciary.

Continuing his argument before the five-judge bench hearing the validity of the 39th Constitution Amendment Act in Relation to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's election case, Mr. De said if the relevant Articles dealing with the election matters in the Constitution were examined carefully, they would show that the final authority in election disputes was vested in Parliament. This final authority given to Parliament was clearly indicated in Articles 324, 325, 326, 327, 328 and 329.

Exclusive Interview with Bajpai

Have Patience and Faith in India

By Jaya Subramanian

Have patience and faith in your own country and your own people and your own past, said His Excellency The High Commissioner for India U.S. Bajpai, to our special correspondent Jaya Subramaniam, at an interview that took place on Friday 29th August 1975.

Mr. Bajpai however, understandably declined to forecast the decisions of the Supreme Court of India, which is now in session to hear Mrs. Gandhi's appeal. Suggested how trivial, Mrs. Gandhi's election offences were compared to dirty political games that are played round the world and the corrupt election practices of Canadian politicians, the High Commissioner, once again refused to comment on events that took place here. He added that relationship between Canada and India was good.

The following is the text of the interview.

Question 1:

It is my firm belief that every Indian living abroad is an ambassador of India, and as such how should we explain the present political situation in India to friends and critics in Canada?

Answer 1:

I entirely agree with you that every Indian abroad is an ambassador of India and it is only unfortunate that most of them do not realise this fact.

In the first place, you should keep in touch with events that go on in India through Indian newspapers and not depend entirely on the western media. Not that the western media is anti-Indian but it tends to report only crisis situations without going into the background. It is the background that explains the present situation in India. Let us see what has been happening.

Since 1971 India has faced the most critical situations in its entire history since Independence. First of all, the Bangladesh Crisis, followed by 10 million refugees who had to be fed, which depleted our food reserves.

Secondly, two successive years of the worst droughts in Indian history. When we had a record crop in 1971, we had 110 tons of grain production. In the drought year, it was reduced to 93 million tons. In a country like India, it is a tremendous loss.

Then came the energy crisis. International organizations such as the World Bank, IMF and the World Food Organization have all included India as one of the worst hit countries - worse hit than even some of the poorer countries, in the sense that India had become a highly industrialized country. Energy and imports of raw materials for industrial production were necessary but had become very expensive, though our own export prices remained stable. Therefore the economic situation had become difficult and caused much discontent.

The opposition first started in Gujarat. There were calls from students to members of the local legislature to resign. They were threatened with violence. One member of the legislature who was in hospital with a heart attack was harassed severely. The whole state was in chaos and in a state of disorder. There was a damage of $4 million. It was almost impossible to hold elections. However, in keeping with our democratic principles and in defence to the wishes of the people, elections were held. Although the Congress Party did not win the majority number of seats it had a greater percentage of the popular vote than the opposition. Following this movement in Gujarat, the opposition resorted to completely illegal methods to oust elected people out of their positions through force.

Jaya Prakash Narayan called upon his followers for a massive demonstration in Bihar. His program included:

1. Boycott of schools and colleges and examinations for one year.
2. Gherao of MLAs to force them to resign their membership of the Assembly.
3. Social boycott of MLAs.
4. Formation of parallel Assembly.
5. Paralysing of work in government offices.
6. 'No-tax' campaign.
7. Boycott of courts.
8. Establishment of parallel governments and parallel courts - Janata Sarkars and Janata Adalats.
9. Incitement of Armed Forces, Police and Government servants.

He hoped to try and spread this all over U.P. and other states. He gathered around him all kinds of people who could by no means be called either democratic or in keeping with the secular traditions of the Indian constitution or the Indian people. He allied himself with the Jan Sangh, with its offshoot the R.S.S. and on the extreme left, the CPI-ML an offshoot of the nanalities, whose record is very notorious. All these groups took shelter under J.P.'s umbrella and he accepted them without prescuting any coherent positive policy. It was a negative policy. As a result the students were suffering - the people were suffering.

The whole matter came to a head when the Allahabad High Court passed a judgement condemning the Prime Minister. Nevertheless the Allahabad court gave a stay order to the PM to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Under the leadership of Mr. Morarji Desai, the opposition threatened to surround the PM's house. Jaya Prakash Narain repeated his call to the students, to the police, to the army, to topple and paralyse the government. This is one thing no government could tolerate - that is to allow the basic structures of the State - of law and order, to be disrupted and toppled. The nation's interests demanded firm and decisive action. It was impossible to take recourse to any other action but the emergency. Mrs. Gandhi decided that prevention was better than cure.

Knowing fully well the elections were due in February, the opposition could have waited four months more to defeat the Congress at the polls. Why did they not do it?

Critics here say "the railway strike was put down brutally." It is alright for Canada to say this. They can afford a railway strike, but not India. Canadian critics further talk about the emergency forgetting what happened in Quebec.

CRITICS

Question 2:

Some of the worst critics of the government of India are leaders and members of the CPI-ML why have these people not ben arrested? Indian leaders indulging in non-violent politics are behind bars. Can you please explain this?

Answer 2:

How can you say that the CPI-M leaders are not arrested? Some of them are probably arrested or put under preventive detention. The RSS have been banned. The naxalities are banned.

Question 3:

I think on the whole Mrs. Gandhi had been hypersensitive and has over - reacted. What do you feel could have been a better approach?

Answer 3:

This is a judgement which only a government which has full information of all details can make. It will be wrong and unwise for the government to give away all the information it has. It is hard for me or anybody to say that Mrs. Gandhi has over- reacted. If anyone has over- reacted, it is the Western Press in cricitising us without waiting to see how we deal with the situaton. No country that I know of has had to face such a situation - a country with different states, some of them under opposition rule, a population of 600 million people and the attendant economic problems. As a matter of fact the Prime Minister has been accused of having waited too long to act. She has herself admitted that she should have acted earlier.

Question 4:

If the Western Press has over-reacted it is because of the absolute press censorship. Do you think it was necessary and do you think it was applied uniformly?

Answer 4:

Yes, it has been applied uniformly. The Western Press has resented the fact that the foreign correspondents have been treated in the same manner as the Indian correspondents. We feel that what is applicable to our journalists should be applicable to foreigners as well. Our people have more right to know what is happening than the foreigners.

Yes, absolute censorship had been necessary. In India there are hundreds of newspapers and journals. Some belong to extremist organizations which spread rumors, which would lead to communal violence and rioting. Under such circumstances, administratively, it would have been an impossible task to distinguish between them. It would have been quite unfair too. However, I am sure, as time goes on, the censorship would be lifted.

Question 5:

Under these circumstances, do you think there will be a military coup in India?

Answer 5:

No, I am quite certain there will be no coup. The Indian army has never wanted to and has never interferred in politics and has accepted civilian authority. However, there is no reason for the army to carry out a coup. The chaos and anarchy which could have come about has been averted in time.

WATERGATE

Question 6:

In the Western Press comparisons have been made between the current situation in India and the Watergate Scandal of the USA. How has Mrs. Gandhi and the government of India reacted to this?

Answer 6:

Any such comparison is completely unfair and is not based on any facts whatsoever. Any impartial observer can see that there is no common ground what ever except the comparison they brought about between Mrs. Gandhi and Mr. Nixon - that they both wanted to remain in power perpetually. Even this is due to a misready of the situation in India.

Question 7:

Is it necessary to change the entire legal system in India?

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Half a Million Children die of Diarrhoea

Bombay, Sept. 10 (UNI): Over 500,000 infants upto the age of three years die due to diarrhoea in India every year. Of these at least 84 percent can be saved by "oral administration" of water and an electrolyte powder.

The Institute of Child Health of the Government - run J. J. group of hospitals here, in a study on 50 ward admissions suffering from mild and medium dehydration, found that little quantities of this powder — composed of common salt, glucose, potassium and a few other compounds — when administered orally with a good amount of water, rehydrated all but 16 percent of the children.

Doctors at the Institute told UNI that diarrhoea "is one of the leading causes" of infant morality in the country.

The oral electrolyte powder (OEP) suggested by the doctors would be very cheap.

The doctors said the OEP packets could be sold in packings similar to tea packets, and could go a long way in saving the lives of thousands of infants.

Exclusive Interview

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Answer 7:

No, I won't say it is necessary at all. Any situation in India is an evolving situation in India. The Judicial System has its own place in the constitution. Parliament has its own place. Acts passed by the parliament, if turned by the Supreme Court, have to be revised, changed and amended. This has happened in other countries as well. It has happened in the U.S. Justice Iyer, in his temporary judgement of Mrs. Gandhi's case said, "If there are draconian laws, it is for a vigilant legislation to take action." Any changes that are made in the legal system is in the interest of the people. Constitutional amendments quite often become necessary.

NON-CONGRESS STATES

Question 8:

To what extent are the two non-congress states (Madras and Gujarat) cooperating with the emergency?

Answer 8:

The chief minister of Gujarat has said that he has no desire whatsoever for a confrontation with the centre and that his government is following the emergency.

The chief minister of Madras has also issued a statement that his government is obeying the emergency.

The Union Home Minister has announced recently that since the emergency has been declared there has been no occasion for the police to use force even gas or lathi charges.

Question 9:

What is the condition of Jaya Prakash Narain's health? He was in frail health when arrested.

Answer 9:

He has been in frail health for a long time. He is an old man and I am sure he is getting the best medical attention possible.

Question 10:

Is it true that Acharya Vinobha Bhave broke his silence; quoted from the Gita and gave his blessings to Mrs. Gandhi when the emergency was decalred? Any comments please?

Answer 10:

At one time Jaya Prakash Narain claimed that Acharya Vinobha Bhave was his guru and his supporter and to the extent that Vinobha has said that the economic program and the emergency are things in the right direction points to what one very selfless person in India has done. After all Vinobha has been an active worker. J.P. has been active once in politics, then he was religious, then he returned to politics. Vinobha is a consistent worker in the social reform movement and never had any political ambition.

BANGLADESH

Question 11:

What do you think will be the future move of the government of India towards the new government in Bangladesh? Will there be new problems of security?

Answer 11:

We continue to maintain normal diplomatic relations with the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh on same basis as when we recognized Bangladesh in December nineteen seventy one. Our High Commissioner called on president of Bangladesh on August twenty and subsequently on Bangladesh Foreign Minister. Bangladesh High Commissioner called on Prime Minister on August twenty - five and had earlier met foreign secretary. We have been corresponding with the new government in normal manner through our respective missions. A Bangladesh delegation was in New Delhi only a few days ago. It would be clear from all this that we continue to recognize Bangladesh.

Question 12:

With reference to the Indian nuclear explosion and the resultant strained relationship with Canada, has the situation improved? What is your contribution towards this?

Answer 12:

The Canadians always felt that we have let them down and we contended that we never let them down and pointed out that India has not violated any agreement with Canada. The nuclear experiment was carried out with our own uanium. Our own separation plant with our own techniques. It is true that we used the research reaction they had given to us. The Atomic Energy Commission in Vienna has set up a body to look into the peaceful uses of the explosion. But altogether relationship between India and Canada is good. It is my duty to convince Canadians about our point of view.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Question 13:

It is reported that there were a couple of demonstrations outside your office a few days ago. What was your reaction to this?

Answer 13:

Well, I came to office everyday. They did not approach me for anything. The Anand Marg people came and sat around and ruined my lawn. The Naxalites carried funny little placards but there was no memorandum submitted.

Question 14:

To sum up, what according to you, would be the best argument for the emergency?

Answer 14:

The best argument for the declaration of the emergency is the avoidance of anarchy and communal violence which would have inevitably followed. No government worth the name could stand by all this and allow the country's security, stability and economy to be imperilled.

In the two months of the emergency, there has been a fall in food prices, there has been an increase in production. Fertiliser production has gone up by 40 percent, steel production by 20 percent etc.

There is a movement now for workers to participate in the management of steel and other industries, to do away with bonded labour, to put a moratorium on debts poor people owe to private money lenders.

Hoarding is being stopped. The circulation of black money is under greater control. In short progress is being made in every direction.

The Supreme Court is in session and is hearing both sides. Above all, have patience and faith in your own country and in your own people and in your own past and have confidence in our future.

Multiculturalism for Indian Assns.

Ottawa — The Minister responsible for Multiculturalism, the Honorable John Munro, announced 31 grants totalling $92,028 under the federal government's multiculturalism program.

This program is designed to develop an awareness of Canada's cultural diversity and to encourage Canadians to share their cultural heritage with their fellow citizens.

The following Indian groups received grants:

HINDU SOCIETY OF MANITOBA -
$1,000 for a three- day cultural program held recently in Winnipeg involving Indian music and dancing, an exhibition of the art of Indian cooking and lectures on Hindu philosophy along with documentaries and films about India.

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$770 to help this East Indian group train dancers to participate in public events.

VANCOUVER COOPERATIVE RADIO - VANCOUVER
$10,000 to produce three cultural radio programs in Italian Punjabi and Chinese.

Hippie Cut

Madras: The South Indian Hair Dressers Association has decided to charge Rs. 5 from hippies for hair cut.

The association adopted a resolution to this effect at its recent meeting which said that their members had lost 50 percent of their earnings with the advent of the hippie cult. They decided to make good the loss by "increased levy on people responsible for our present plight."

Cancer Cure

New Delhi: Eleven fully documented cases of cancer which had been declared incurable were cured at the Shri Krishna Research Institute in Kurushetra.

According to Dr. K. Krishna, Director of the Institute, 18 out of 32 cases of cancer of blood and bone treated at the Institute have been cured. The institute admits only those cases which have been diagnosed at well- known medical institutions.

Cobra Lives with Family

Bangalore, Sept 11(UNI): A five cobra here has the distinction of being offered pooja (offerings) every morning by a family with whom it has been staying for the last three years.

The three-year-old cobra was on show at the pet-show, organised by the Bangalore Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), here.

The cobra was a baby when it entered the family three years ago. Since then it has been staying with them as a member of the family. Its fangs, however, were removed soon after it came into the house.

The cobra did not bite anybody so far and never did it go out. It has a playmate - a mud snake.

The cobra has no cage and it crawls all over the house.

Minister Releases Book on Dance Dramas

Professor V. Subramaniam's book of five dance-dramas in Sanskrit on five women who played a part in Buddha's life was released at a function entitled GAUTAMA GANARCHANA by the Education Minister of Karnataka state on the 2nd of September 1975 at 6p.m. at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Bangalore. The book called PANCHA KANYA TARANGINI was introduced by Sangita Kalanidhi Dr. R. Anantakrishna Sarma, the grand old man of Indian Musicology.

Prof. Subramaniam is Professor of Political Science at Carleton University. The function included a concert for an hour by Mrs. Hemu Sampath. Professor Subramaniam's most devoted student (Vocal), accompanied on the violin by S. Chandrasekhar and on the Mridangam by V.S. Rajagopalan. Nine of the Professor's compositions were taken up and these included major compositions in Ragas Vachaspati, Kalyani, Simhendra madhyamam, Durbar and Abheri. There was a smaller composition in Desh and two Tillanas. The appreciation of the audience was evident from their obvious enjoyment and applause.

The function was considered sufficiently important at the All India level for the Press Trust of India to report it. Notices in the Bangalore Press was laudatory. That Subramaniam's work is a very important land mark in the history of classical composition in India is brought out in the words of B.V.K. Sastry, India's topmost music critic, in the Deccan Herald of the 4th of September 1975.

Noteworthy feature of these compositions including two set in Karnatic ragas like Hamsadhvani, Kalyani and Desiya ragas like Bhimpalas, Desh and so on was that each section or charanam had an enlivening twist in its structure. The tunes had an accuracy of form while the metrical rhyme of the words and the musical rhythm seemed to perfectly complement each other. And it was necessary that all the charanams had to be heard to appreciate the overall beauty of the composition. The compositions in Kalyani, Bhimpalas and the Tillanams spring to mind in this context.

Self-Vasectomy Operation

New Delhi: An India doctor working in the family planning association of Nepal has performed a vasectomy operation successfully on himself.

The "do- it - yourself" operation is reported to be the second in the world, the first being by Dr. Jain of Rajasthan in India.

Dr. Tikaman Vaidya of Nepal got the inspiration for the self-operation after reading the report about Dr. Jain's adventure.

Dr. Vaidya said that the operation has helped him to know exactly what it felt like to be operated on by himself and he could now confidently tell his patients: "Don't worry I know exactly how it feels".

Campaign against Dowry

New Delhi, Sept 10(UNI): A door-to-door campaign against dowry has been started by students of a Bangalore college, according to the Department of Social Welfare.

The students, aided by teachers including the Principal, branch out in different areas after class work, meet people and discuss the problem of dowry in an effort to persuade them to boycott it.

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Indian Sculptor's Exhibition in Ottawa

By Bharat P. Mathur

OTTAWA, September 15 — Amar Nath Sehgal, India's foremost sculptor, who organized exhibitions of his art in bronze in Toronto and Ottawa, each of a week-long duration, earned acclaim from some leading Canadian papers, which described his works as "humanistic with full-blooded rhythm".

In Ottawa, Sehgal displayed a small, though varied, sampling of his art in the foyer of the City Hall in Sussex Drive. The exhibition, which was opened by the City Staff in Sussex Drive. The exhibition, which was opened by the Mayor and concluded on Monday, September 15, attracted large crowds throughout the week. His works that impressed me as most striking were 'Rising Spirit', 'Onward March', 'Music in the Air', 'Dragon' and 'A Sleeping Cow'.

Full of meaning, Sehgal's art reflects the social, spiritual and aesthetic problems that he is tormented by, and there is a feeling of vitality and movement in all his works. He instills each of his works with a human feeling and transmits his emotions convincingly.

Sehgal, who was given a reception by the Indian High Commissioner, C.S. Bajpai, had, during his present tour abroad, already held exhibitions of his sculptures in France, West Germany, Holland and Luxembourg. From Canada, which he visited for the first time, he proceeded to the USA. Thereafter, he will leave for Frankfurt, where his Selected Poems in English, translated into German, will be out at the Book Fair on October 9.

Sehgal (53), who studied at the Punjab University, held one-man exhibitions in New York (1949-50), Belgrade, Paris, Frankfurt, West Berlin, Brussels and Vienna (1954-60), the All-India Sculpture Exhibition (1962), the Sculpture Biennale, Paris (1966) and the Munich Exhibition (1974).

The artist's major works include 'Voice of Africa', Ghana, 'A Cricketer', Pakistan, 'Mahatma Gandhi', Amritsar (India), 'To Space Unknown', Moscow, 'Conquest of Moon', White House, 'Gandhi Monument', Luxembourg, and 'Monument of Aviation', New Delhi Airport.

Sehgal was India's delegate to the UNESCO Conference on the 'Role of the Artist in Contemporary Society' held in Paris last year. He won the Sculpture Award of the Lalit Kala Academy in 1957 and the President's Gold Plaque in 1958. His publications include 'Revival of Folk Arts' and 'Visual Aids in Community Development'.

Amar Nath Seghal with his sculpture "Rising Spirit".

Rs. 5000 Million Flood Damage

Patna, Sept 14(UNI): First official estimates have placed flood damages in Bihar state at about Rs 5,000 million (666.67 million dollars).

Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra told newsmen September 3 that property worth Rs 1,000 million (13.33 million dollars) had been lost in Patna city alone. About 70,000 persons in west Patna were still in the grip of the floods.

The situation had improved further with the restoration of power and water supply in most of the affected areas and road, rail and air links with other parts of the State.

Cash Incentives for Intermarriage

New Delhi, Sept. 16 (UNI): Six state governments in India — Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tripura — and some Union territories like Pondicherry are now implementing cash incentive schemes to promote inter-caste marriages.

The Gujarat Government recently raised the cash incentive from Rs 500 ($66.67) to Rs 5,000 ($666.67) to enable couples to tide over the difficulties they might face as a result of such marriages.

The Tamil Nadu Government which had spent over Rs 100.00 ($13,333) for this purpose has now raised the amount to Rs one million for the current Five Year Plan. It is also awarding gold medals and certificates to couples.

Such incentives are also being made available by Bihar, Maharashtra, Tripura and the Union territory of Pondicherry.

As a result of these incentives Maharashtra had 12 marriages in 1973-74 as against four in 1969-70.

In Bihar there were four such inter-caste marriages in 1973-74 as against one in 1970.

In Tripura there were six marriages by April this year as against three in 1970.

Soviet Friendship Hailed

Ahmedabad, Sept. 8 (UNI): Union Information and Broadcasting Minster V.C. Shukla has said Indo-Soviet Friendship had been strengthened, creating stability and peace in Asia, and so long as the friendship lasted, no power would be allowed to have its strong hold in the region.

Speaking at a symposium held here on the fourth anniversary of the Indo-Soviet Cultural Society, he said India was strong enough to thwart the ill designs of the imperialist forces to halt the country's progress.

The imperialists had been active in toppling various Governments in the world and they were visible in India also but "our people are united to face them".

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Why Canadians are lonely

By Saraaa Raja

Canada is a country of immigrants. People of many origins, traditions, customs and pattern are living together happily. There are people coming from Asia, Europe and England. We could smell Danish cheese, Indian curry, Italian pizza and Chinese chop suey on the streets of Canada. Is it not a wonderful place to live? Canadians are lovely people. Whether they speak English or French, they are friendly. They extend their long arms to the people of other countries, appreciate everything they come across and show courtesy, generousity, faith and love. Canadians tolerate many things in their society. But. . . .

Recently I met a Canadian lady. She is educated, well placed in business making a handsome income. She is attractive and very intelligent. She talked to me about Women's Lib. She said that in Canada especially in Quebec, women are thrashed to the altar of pain and misery. A lady who is married at the age of eighteen lives for her husband; she washes his clothes, cooks his food, acts according to his will and pleasures, even kissing his toes! She has no time to take care of her health or figure because of her household duties and children. She fails to equip herself with a professional career and she becomes a machine working for the man of the house. When she is forty years old, her husband, who is surrounded by young beautiful secretaries at his office, notices his wife's disfigured body, rough hands, and tiresome face. He slowly moves away from her and eventually falls in love with his girl- Friday! The wife is forced into a divorce. The woman who loved him for 22 years, is left alone! Is this justice? My friend says the Women's Lib has been started only to save these divorced ladies, if not now at least in future!

BUT HOW?

Her answer is "Women should never quit her job. She should fight for her share in the property. She should compel her husband to share all the chores at home with her".

Will this solve the problem? Will any law or compulsion change a man? If it is so, why the prisons are always full? Why there are single parents? Why elderly women are alone and praying for death?

My Canadian friend asked me to tell about my country. I told her how I am happily living with my son, daughter and daughter- in - law according to our tradition in a joint family system here in Canada. We Indians of India are funny people!

Knowingly or unknowingly our egoism is killed by our environments. As soon as the daughter- in - law enters the house, the mother - in - law accepts her as her own daughter and hands over the responsibilities one by one to the new bride. The young girl feels happy amongst her in- laws and her love towards her husband increases day by day. She understands his taste, desires, character indirectly and this forms a strong foundation for her marriage. It is a strong brick house, not a castle of sand! The mother - in - law slowly retires from this materialistic world and merges into a philosophical world. She devotes her time to spiritual thinking to help her young daughter- in - law as need arises, take care of the grand children (by baby sitting she saves a lot for the family) give advice whenever it is wanted, without interfering in personal matters, and live a steady life marching towards eternal happiness. This is how they say "Old order changeth yielding place to new".

I come from a country where calves are allowed to be fed before milking a cow. Babies are allowed to sleep with their mothers.

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world". What is the legacy of a woman?

"A woman becomes a real woman when she attains motherhood".

"A mother gets real happiness when she hears that her son is a great man".

"Parents' real happiness lies on their children and all the wealth of this world is nothing before a child's innocent smile".

Eventhough we are born alone and die alone, we at least live with people around us. We are seekers of love.

How to be one with all ? A simple word can explain. It is a magnificent word which will unite people, will bring love, will assist everyone to achieve their goal in life.

What is that word?

That is TOLERANCE!

Customs may differ in different countries. But not the living MOTHER. Today's wife becomes tomorrow's mother. Women are respectable! A Mother's heart (after death) according to Hindu customs will not burn, unless the funeral fire was lit by her SON. Parents will have to live with their sons and not with their daughters! This explained very much to my friend about our family system. She also agreed how much this helps a man to love his family.

Our television, cinemas and theatres are compelled to see only young girls. At home they live only with one woman, that is 'wife'. When the wife attains forty years of age, (by this time the children are compelled to quit the family) she becomes an ugly figure for the husband! Instead if he - the husband - has an opportunity to see his own aged mother, and youthful children of his own blood around him, what a wonderful philosophy he learns without much difficulty!

The home is a good school where we could learn many things. If a man tries to help his wife and mother, he learns to help his colleagues at his office. If a man could cook at least once a week, he could organize daily chores efficiently at office. If a man washes his own clothes, he will learn how to keep his heart clean from evil. If a man could adjust himself at his home with his aged mother, middle aged wife, and youthful children, he could cut out a very good figure in outside society. Is there a better school than your own home in this world?

Life is a mixture of pain and pleasure. We cannot separate them. We have to receive them with an open heart. Death is not the end. We live in our children. They are the monuments of our life. Man and woman see themselves in their children. Women are symbols of love and affection. Nobody is going to escape from oldness. Shakespeare said, "There is neither good nor bad but thinking makes it so". In life, our mind is the sole agent of our pain and pleasure. A well controlled, disciplined, affectionate mind recognises the truth of life and lives happily in this world.

Tolerance, affection, and love are the three weapons to kill loneliness in our life.

Mrs. Ghandi not afraid of son

New Delhi, Sept. 10 (UNI): Sanjay Gandhi, son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, has described as "ridiculous" any suggestion that his mother is afraid of him.

In an interview to a Delhi Magazine Mr. Gandhi's attention was drawn to the reported statement of a foreign correspondent that his mother was afraid of him and to rumours that he had even "a file of her".

"I think that is quite ridiculous. What could I have on the file and what use would the file be to me. Most of these rumours are politically motivated. They want to build a kind of public impression either to try and show that the Government as a power is being run by odd bits of advice from here and there or that everything is absolutely hare-brained. I don't think any sensible person would pay any attention to such things," he said.

Mr. Gandhi denied that he had been at clash with his mother. "I have held some views and she has held different views. I don't think that implies a clash. That is a difference of opinion. So what ? I have had a difference of opinion with thousands of others but what has that got to do with a clash or anything like that ?"

Asked whether his mother listened to his views, Mr. Gandhi replied she did listen to them. She did so when he was five years old, "but that doesn't mean she does everything I say."

Mr. Gandhi was asked whether he thought children of people in power should keep aloof from their field altogether. He replied, "I don't think a person should keep aloof from any field because of a relationship. A person does work because he thinks he has a flair for it or he is good at the job or because he is interested in it. The criteria should be one's interest and one's capacity to work rather than a relationship."

Dismissals in Kashmir

Srinagar, Sept 12(UNI). The Kashmir Government has summarily dismissed from Government service 14 employees for indulging in activities "prejudicial to the Government and the security of the State," official sources said here September 5.

Prostitution Syndicates

Visakhapatnam, Sept. 16 (UNI): Prosecution "syndicates" buying police protection to leech on young women, are flourishing in this coastal town, according to a survey conducted by the Andhra University's sociology and social work department.

Women are snared by the syndicates by advancing loans either directly to them or the men "procuring" them. These loans carry a compound interest rate ranging between 35 and 40 percent of the prostitutes' earnings are collected by these syndicates.

It is virtual slavery. The study says, "with the meagre income and regular police raids — the bail amount being regularly added to the loan — the girls cannot think of freeing themselves from the shackles of the syndicate until they are virtually thrown out of the ring". And that happens when the women reach the age of 28.

The study alleges that the police to a great extent encourage prostitution instead of curbing it.

Calgary or Calvary of Asians?

According to a recent survey, results of which were reported at a Multiculturalism Conference in Edmonton, by Prof. James S. Frideres of University of Calgary, Calgarians do not love Asians. Among other things Dr. Frideres asked the white native Canadians, how they feel about having a recent immigrant of Asian origin provide the services they need. Only 43 percent of native whites would like an Asian teaching their children. Just over half the whites wanted no Asian doctor to treat them or a lawyer to handle their case while two thirds would not mind being helped by a social worker of such origin. On the contrary, 73-88 percent of the whites had no objection against the Asians working as sales clerks, maids, labours and entertainers.

Between 1961 and 1971, the Asian population in the city rose from 3,000 to 8,000.

On the other hand, between 83 and 95 percent of the same native whites would be willing to accept all of the above services from immigrants of British, Welsh, Irish, Scottish, Dutch and Scandinavian origins! Is Calgary the Calvary of Asians?

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The revised edition of the handbook is planned to be brought out in February-March 1976, and I would seek the co-operation of all Indians in Ottawa-Hull and suburbs to send their full names, addresses, places of work and both home and office/business telephone numbers to me as soon as possible for incorporation in it. B.P. Mathur, 349 Booth St., Apt. 2, Ottawa - K1R 7K1

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Aakhari Daao

AAKHRI DAAO
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Salim-Javed

Aakhri Daao is patterned on a Hardley Chase story. But it is also very much in keeping with the traditional theme of Hindi films. The lead male character is a safe-breaking expert with whom a gun-wielding tomboyish daughter of an estate owner falls head over heels in love. A repetition of the roles played by Amitabh Bachchan in Deewar and Asha Parekh in Naadan.

Neither do the other characters deviate from their set paths. Danny Denzongap blackmails the safe-opener for his personal ends. While Padma Khanna is Danny's moll who when no more wanted is shot dead by her gangster-boss. Ranjit the villain, who is the manager of the heroine's father's estate, like any other villain in an action picture aspires to marry her one day. Iftekhar plays his usual role of a police officer and as expected is instrumental in the final reconciliation between the lead pair. While Satyan Kappoo is the helpless crippled estate owner and is a passive witness to everything that goes on around him.

The Salim-Javed team is adept at the game of spinning out the same old patterns of inter-relationships and counter-clashe very typical of Hindi film stories. 'Salim-Javed's Aakhri Daao', as the film is advertised, is a crime-suspense thriller, skilfull photographed and competentl directed. Songs in any crime thriller are a hindrance to its flow, so they are in Aakhri Daao.

Jeetendra is undecided what to play between the jumping jack he became famous for or the sober, serious character he played in Parichay and Khushboo. Saira Banu unsucessfully makes her attempt at playing the tom-boy. Her role becomes finally limited to changing fashionable dresses from scene to scene. It is however Danny with his suave villainy and calculated ruthlessness, who makes a mark. Otherwise, Aakhri Daao is a repetition of an old time tale that can hardly interest any longer.

DARSHAK

No Girls to join Film Institutes

Madras, Sept 13(UNI): The craze for film career continues but girls are keeping away from the two film institutes here conducting courses in acting.

In the past three years not a single girl has sought admission to the acting course in the State Government's Institute of Film Technology. Only a few girls have so far passed out of the second film institute, which is run by the South Indian Film Chamber of commerce.

The principals of the two institutes told UNI in interviews that the number of girls seeking admission was very small and those who did failed to come up to the mark in talent and appearance.

Hundreds of good-looking girls were, however, coming to the city every year from various parts of Tamil Nadu and other Southern States to plead with film producers to give them an opening.

Joshi hospitalized

New Delhi, Sept. 8 (UNI): The former General Secretary of the Communist Party of India, P.C. Joshi, has been admitted to a hospital here following a mild stroke.

Doctors said he was responding to treatment.

Divine light's Mahatma Jagdeo held meditation classes at the Holiday Inn on September 13.

Police empowered to arrest Smugglers

Bombay, Sept 11(UNI): The Central Government has empowered the Maharashtra Police to arrest smugglers without the prior concurrence of the Customs Department, according to official sources.

The State cabinet sub-committee constituted to suggest ways and means to curb smuggling, had urged the Centre to empower the police to book the smugglers without prior reference to the Customs.

So far 208 smugglers and foreign exchange racketeers have been arrested in the State under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act. Another 21 smugglers are absconding and the State Government is proceeding to attach their properties.

Indians Abroad encouraged to own house in Madras

Madras, Sept 16(UNI): The Tamil Nadu Government is evolving a scheme to attract foreign exchange from Indians living abroad.

Under the proposed scheme, Indian abroad could buy flats in Madras by remitting money through the foreign branches of Indian banks.

State Housing Minister K. Rajaram told newsmen that the Housing Board was prepared to allot 100 flats in a posh locality in the city or luxury cottages on the beach on the outskirts of the city.

He said some Indian banks having branches abroad were willing to stand guarantee for the prospective house-owners and he had already had discussions with one of the banks and proposed to approach other banks.

India can produce 45 per cent of Crude in 3 Years

New Delhi, Sept. 10 (UNI): India can produce 45 percent of its total requirements of crude from its own fields in the next two to three years, Petroleum and Chemicals Minister K.D. Malaviya told the Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament attached to his Ministry here.

India is producing at present about 7.5 million tonnes of crude, representing about 33 percent of the total consumption.

Mr. Malaviya said by the end of next year, one to two million tonnes of oil was expected to be produced from the offshore Bombay High fields.

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New Indian TV Show in Toronto

Shan Associates, the company well known for its communication through film and television, has made their Sound Of India series the talk of the town in Metro Toronto. The series that commenced a year ago April had been rated as one of the best ethnic programs produced on Cable TV. Daisons Multilingual Communications is the language program producers for C.I.T.Y. TV and one of the best in the world. Shan Associates in collaboration with Daisons multilingual will now be broadcasting the SOUND OF INDIA TV series in Color on city-TV Channel 79, Cable 7 in the Metro Toronto region.

S. CHANDRASEKAR the producer of this series will be exclusively incharge of all East Indian programming on City TV, for Daisons. Incidentally this is the first of its kind in North America. The series will include live music, dances- classical, folk and film hits, in addition to drama news review etc. The show will feature film previews, interviews with political figures, visiting dignitaries, movie stars etc. There will be children's specials, fashion shows, talk shows, game shows and many other exciting events.

The show will carry professionally produced commercials in color.

Mr. Chandrasekar states that thanks are due to the overwhelming public response and appreciation for making his show a smashing success in the past on Cable television. "But this is commercial TV and its a whole new ball game" he added and said that the Sound Of India will be a real treat to the family. It will be of interest to Indians, Pakistanis and other Asians from many parts of the world.

Swar Sangam, one of Canada's leading Indian music groups, will actively participate in the Sound Of India. The group has a dozen or more singers of high calibre with an accompaniment of a fifteen piece orchestra. They use highly sophisticated instruments in addition to traditional East Indian Instruments. Swar Sangam has given several stage shows for record crowds in Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston etc.

"This is not my full time job" said Mr. Chandrasekar the Director of Shan Associates. He is the Head of the Department for Resource Development for a Government organisation. He has a M.A. in Social Administration and a second Master's degree from McGill University specialising in Instructional television. He comes from a well known family of film makers in India.

Shan Associates will likely have technical collaboration in India from the films Division, K.A.P. limited the largest private short film and advertising organisation, Jayshree Pictures.

The Sound Of India will commence from Sunday October the 5th on Channel 79 at 9.00 a.m.

Advertising rates are apparently reasonably priced. For commercial and general information on this first and only Indian show of it's kind people can phone Daisons Multilingual or Shan Associates at 789-1171 or 494-5151.

From left to right are Movie director Harbance Kumar, Film Hero Sunil Dutt, Veteran Actor Premnath and T.V. producer Chandrasekar at the Shooting of The Sound Of India in Toronto.

New Church in S. India

Bangalore, Sept 16(UNI): The Church of Christ, a new church, will come into being in about four years with the merger of the Church of South India (CSI) and the Lutheran Churches.

A unanimous resolution recommending the merger was adopted at a meeting of the two churches here.

Janmashtami in Nova Scotia

The Hindu Sanstha of Nova Scotia celebrated the birth of Lord Krishana on Aug. 23rd. with bhajans and dances at the Hindu Temple in Aulds Cove.

The program started at 6.00 in the evening with community dinner, documentary films, songs, dances and music with considerable participation from people outside Aulds Cove. At 12.00 p.m. the traditional time of birth, puja was officiated by the Priest, Ravi Dogra.

Lectures were given by various people speaking on related topics.

Dances were performed by the small children from the neighboring towns of Antigonish, Newglasgow, as well as from Halifax. The enthusiasm of the children was worth seeing. This was the first time when they took part in the ceremonies and then enthusiasm was greatly appreciated by honouring them with mythological story books.

The attendance at the function was overwhelming. The hall of the Temple was packed to its capacity and more than fifty people spent their night there singing Bhajans.

The Arti was followed by tea and snacks and a lot of pleasant conversation. The organizers, the listeners, and the participants felt very happy with the function. The Hindu Sanstha of Nova Scotia is very thankful to the participants as well as the audience. The Sanstha expects the same support and encouragement in the future.

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Sahitya Academy

New Delhi, Sept 13(UNI): Dr. R.S. Kelkar has been appointed Secretary of the Sahitya Akademi.

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Kitchen Korner

By Pranati Sengupta

Does it seem possible that "Bijoya" is only few days away? What do you remember most about the things that were part of "Bijoya" when you were in India? Probably, like me, you remember the traditional things - the last day of puja, images of Durga & other goddesses were taken out in procession and immersed in a river. And I can recall 'Sindur Khela' (a custom of putting vermilion on each other's forehead amongst married women to seek longevity of their husbands) - oh, so many things - all of which still make my Bijoya beautiful. But being me, you can be sure I remember the good foods which come with this festival. For most of us who are away from home, Bijoya simply means an enjoyable get together with the family or friends. There's something very special about Bijoya's gathering. Everyone eagerly waits for the last day of puja when he will enjoy meeting other friends and have some good time. No Bijoya memory would seem to be complete without some home-made sweets. So I've chosen this recipe from favorites of mine. Sometimes I think that the pleasure of making all the good things during Bijoya is greater than the pleasure of eating them. One of the nicest ways to celebrate our Bijoya is to invite some friends for tea and share the joy of the festival with some delicious sweetmeat.

Khir Langcha

2 qt. whole milk
1qt. half & half milk
6 1/2 cups sugar
11 cups water
10 cardamoms, crushed seeds, few drops of rose essence
1/2 cup bisquick
1/4 tsp. baking powder

In a heavy 3 qt. pan, bring the half & half milk to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly to prevent a skin from forming on the surface. Reduce the heat to moderate high and continue cooking & stirring frequently (since milk has a tendency to stick to the bottom of the pan) for about 1 1/2 hours, or until milk is thick enough to coat the spoon heavily (the consistency will be like thick yogurt). Add essence and cardamom. Remove from heat and let it cool. Combine the sugar & water and a pinch of cream of tartar in a large wide pan and boil rapidly for 6 minutes, reduce heat to very low and keep it warm.

Prepare chhana with 2 qt. milk. Drain well and squeeze out all moisture. Place chhana on a marble slab or in a shallow pan and knead the cheese until it becomes smooth and does not crumble. Slowly begin to add bisquick, baking powder and khir, (thickened milk) working into the chhana about 5 minutes or until the mixture is creamy and smooth. Divide the mixture about 2 inches long. Deep fry over medium heat until they are browned on all sides. Drain and plunge them in warm syrup. Remove from heat and allow to soak at least overnight in room temperature. Sprinkle rose water before serving. It can be kept in your refrigerator for 7 days.

India Resource Centre in Toronto

Toronto — The Workshop on Cultural Retention at the Fall Conference, '74 organized by Indian Immigrant Aid Services recommended the establishment of an India Resource Centre for the Indian Community. It will serve the purpose of acting as a focal point for Indians as well as a place, which smaller Indian communities living in Ontario, Canada or across the border could draw the much needed resource material.

Towards the goal of establishing such a Centre, the Indian Immigrant Aid Services has already started collecting funds.

An appeal is made to all members of the Indian Community to enthusiastically participate in the creation of the Indian Resource Centre.

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Concert of Indian Dancing and Music in Ottawa

By Bharat P. Mathur

Rag-Rang, the first concert presented by the Oriental Arts Circle of Ottawa in the capital on Saturday (September 6) turned out to be a success. It was a three-hour programme of Indian dancing and music that a packed house at the National Arts Centre enjoyed and appreciated.

The Bhangra Dancers

Mrs. Renuka Sahay.

A newly-established organisation, the O.A.C. has some talented artistes of Indian origin whose aim is to promote and expose their cultural heritage in Canada, thereby making a contribution to the country's multi-cultural mosaic.

Opening with three devotional songs, symbolising the manifestation of God and the beloved as synonymous beings, Mrs. Nirmala Gautama, a gifted vocalist who has appeared on the TV, radio and stage in several countries delighted the audience with her melodious voice.

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A combination of rhythm, melody and expression, Bharata Natyam is known to be the best form of classical dancing in India. An exponent of this style, Mrs. Renuka Sahay, who has appeared on the stage and TV in India and Canada on numerous occasions, gave superb recitals of four numbers.

She first performed Karuna Nainee in a masterly exposition as a young devotee of Lord Krishna going into raptures over every movement of His.

Thillana, a pure dance of joyous fantasy, brought out the danseuse in all her charm, the exquisite movements of the neck and shoulder, the intricate footwork and the sculpturesque poses, reminiscent of carvings on Hindu temples, being its special features. The other two numbers given by her were Natanam Adinar, a wonderous dance of Lord Shiva performed in the presence of Rishis, and Ethnai Sunnalam.

Mrs. Gautama's daughter, Teena, gave two dances, one depicting the snow-flower that comes to life at the foothills of the Himalayas at the end of the winter season, and the other representing a snake-charmer.

Thanks to Ravi Shankar and Arvind Parikh, sitar, the most popular stringed instrument of classical music in India, is now becoming a household word in the West. Bimal Lodh played two pieces accompanied on the tabla by Hiro Advani. The first was desi, a rag consisting of set notes within the framework of which the artiste improvised a melody. The second was a dhun, in which he freely expressed himself, and wove his imagination around a verse which he repeated throughout.

The past two decades or so have witnessed an adaptation of Western musical instruments to popular music in India. After intermission, the Night-of-Nights of Toronto, an orchestra conducted by Salim Hassanali, presented an instrumental medley of music, in which, among others, Shamim, Lela and Bachan participated.

Last but not the least, Bhangara, the boisterous folk dance of the Punjab, resembling the Western rock-and-roll, which was led by Surindra Bhagnath, provided a good deal of amusement and laughter. It brought off an appropriate finale to an interesting evening entertainment which came to a close with Mrs. Gautama singing Bankim Chatterjee's Vande Matram.

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